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A quarterly update with tailored  
resources, events, and funding  
opportunities for new  
faculty at USask

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**DARE** is an initiative out of the Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives office that provides support for new faculty within 5 years of their hire date, including targeted programming for Early Career Researchers. Reach out to [dare.rasi@usask.ca](mailto:dare.rasi@usask.ca) with any questions related to starting your research program.

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### DARE Events



February 1, 2024



3-4:30 PM



Gordon Snelgrove Gallery

[Register](#)

## DARE Networking Event for New USask Faculty

DARE is hosting a networking event for **faculty members who have joined USask within the last five years**, and we are pleased to invite you to attend.

The event will feature special guest speakers Associate Vice President Research (Engagement) and SSHRC Leader Dr. Dawn Wallin, and Professor and NSERC Leader Dr. Ron Borowsky. They will discuss the importance of applying for and getting tri-agency grants.

This is a chance to make and build connections with your peers from across campus and connect with our Tri-Agency leaders. Please [RSVP online](#) by **Monday, January 22nd**.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## DARE Table Talks

Welcome to DARE's Winter 2024 Table Talks. The purpose of our Table Talks is to inform and inspire. We will be tackling topics important for fostering research success. Come join us!



### Grant Writing – Impactful Knowledge Mobilization (KMb)

**Details:** Most grants require a knowledge mobilization component. This Table Talk session is the second of several on the topic of grant writing. This session discusses key components of knowledge mobilization – understanding value of KMb; creating a KMb plan; the importance of partner engagement; and arts-based approaches to add to your KMb toolbox. So, bring your lunch and let's discuss the best approaches on how to get the “right information” to the “right people” at the “right time.”

**When:** 16 January 2024, 12:00-1:00 PM

**Where:** Room 1B11, Health Sciences Building

[Register](#)

### Establishing Your Online Identity & Tracking Your Scholarly Impact

**Details:** The online environment gives researchers more opportunities than ever to establish themselves in specific research areas, to promote their research, and to track the impact made by their scholarly contributions. Come to this session to find out about some of the most commonly used tools and metrics to track and enhance your scholarly impact. You will learn about ORCID, Google Scholar profiles, ResearchGate, Twitter, citations, altmetrics, and more.

**When:** 13 February 2024, 12:00 to 1:00 PM

**Where:** Room 1B11, Health Science Building

[Register](#)

### The Importance of Telling Your Research Story

The Research Profile and Impact (RPI) unit at USask is here to support researchers, staff, and leaders to effectively be heard and understood with both internal and external messages. We are here to create compelling materials and new tools for audiences with the overall goal of building USask's reputation and showing the world the exciting research, scholarly and artistic work that takes place on this campus every day. During this session, Leslie-Ann Schlosser, Director of Research Profile and Impact, will explain why you should see storytelling as part of your research process – not an afterthought. Communicating efficiently,

using plain language, and accessing channels like social media can all lead to positives for you and your research.

**When:** 12 March 2024, 12:00 to 1:00 PM

**Where:** Room 1B11, Health Science Building

**Register**

## DARE Programs

### Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Connection Grant – Pilot Program 2024

Interested in applying for a grant to support targeted, short-term knowledge mobilization (KMb) initiatives? With four yearly application deadlines, [SSHRC's Connection Grant](#) might be the answer. If you are interested in applying, we invite you to participate in our upcoming SSHRC Connection Grant Pilot Program. In partnership with USask's SSHRC Leader, this pilot program will enable a group of Early Career Research (ECR) peers to learn together and support one another in the development of their Connection Grant proposals.

**Starting in January**, this pilot program will meet regularly to understand the Connection Grant funding opportunity and application process. Detailed program information and timeline are available [online](#). This is an opportunity to get some valuable feedback on your proposal so you can submit the strongest application possible. The pilot program is designed to support applications in time for the May 1, 2024 (or later) deadline.

**Registration deadline:** 10 January 2024

[Register Online](#)

To learn more about this exciting pilot program opportunity, please contact the DARE program at [dare.rasi@usask.ca](mailto:dare.rasi@usask.ca).

## Researcher Resources

### Research Guide: Getting Started at USask

To support research and research creation, USask has a range of programs and resources to meet your academic needs. To help you get started, we have created a [research guide](#) that will help you navigate research at USask. More resources are currently being developed, so stay tuned!



### Procurement information session with Fisher Scientific

The University of Saskatchewan has executed a new contract with Fisher Scientific as its [preferred supplier](#) for laboratory consumables, chemicals, small scientific equipment, and personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies. The process for ordering will remain unchanged. If you need to set up an account, please refer to the [Where do I buy Lab Supplies and Equipment?](#) Knowledge Base article.

If you are interested in learning more or are in a role that purchases lab consumables and/or scientific equipment, Enterprise Procurement, in

collaboration with Fisher Scientific, will be holding an information session on **Dec. 14 from 1-2 pm**. [Registration is required](#).

## The (Re) Balanced Academic

Welcome to the (Re) Balanced Academic! This series will address a variety of topics to promote mental, physical, and academic wellness.

For this issue, we will be highlighting a great resource that USask offers for faculty and staff – [Mindbeacon](#). Mindbeacon offers Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), which is an online, short-term form of therapy that helps you develop strategies and skills to help change your thoughts, attitudes and beliefs related to emotional and behavioral issues that may be causing you difficulty.



Did you know that USask offers [mindful mornings](#) and [online yoga nidra](#) classes? Stay informed with USask's [wellness calendar](#).

## Featured Funding and Award Opportunities



Here is a list of select funding opportunities that target ECRs. A full list of upcoming funding opportunities can be found on the [OVPR Grant Calendar](#).

To receive regular funding opportunity updates, please [subscribe to the RASI Funding Newsletter](#).



## Spotlight on Mitacs: HQP Funding for Partnered Research and Innovation Projects in all Disciplines

USask faculty working with a partner organization can benefit from [Mitacs funding](#) to support student positions. With a rolling deadline, non-competitive process, and support throughout the application process, Mitacs is an excellent way to fund student projects.

Mitacs offers two internship-structured funding opportunities for post-secondary students (undergraduate and graduate), postdoctoral fellows, and recent graduates:

- [Accelerate](#) supports small and large research projects for post-secondary students, including entire Masters and PhD programs
- [BSI](#) supports technical and social innovation projects such as development and knowledge translation in all disciplines. BSI is most useful for part time and summer student projects and for recent graduates to work on a partner organization's innovation challenge.

Mitacs-funded projects must give opportunity to students to collaborate with the partner organization(s) outside of the academic lab or office. Eligible partners include:

- Companies incorporated in Canada, municipalities, hospitals, and most not-for-profit organizations are eligible as partner organizations. Several organizations can provide funding and collaboration in one application.

The Mitacs [Indigenous Pathways](#) program is applicable to both programs.

[Funding Details:](#)

**Funding amount:** minimum \$5,000 (scalable) per 4 months, no upper limit. Leverage ratio dependent on priority sector (1:1, 1:2 and 1:3 leverage options).

**Partner organization contribution:** min \$2500 (scalable) per 4 months

**Project duration:** 4 months-4 years

**Deadline:** rolling intake

**Selection:** not a competitive process. All eligible projects that meet Mitacs criteria can receive funding. For more information contact Dr. Zsuzsa Papp at [zpapp@mitacs.ca](mailto:zpapp@mitacs.ca). Faculty can schedule a meeting to explore examples in their discipline, information on how to find a partner organization, and for support in the application process.

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### **NSERC Alliance Grant Update – ECR Voucher Pilot Program**

The **NSERC Alliance** grants program has recently been updated, and if you are an ECR, you can now apply for a \$10,000 voucher to replace some or all of the required cash contributions from your partner organizations. Meaning, the \$10,000 will be counted as part of your cash contributions from partners in calculating NSERC's funding toward the project. The pilot program will provide vouchers to (up to) 200 eligible researchers.

**If interested, please reach out to the DARE program at [dare.rasi@usask.ca](mailto:dare.rasi@usask.ca).** You will be required to submit a Letter of Intent and your CV through the NSERC online system by February 22, 2024. If NSERC receives more than 200 Letters of Intent, it will choose recipients through a random selection process.

**Application Deadline:** 22 February 2024

**Information Webinars:** 24 & 30 January 2024 (English) | 23 & 31 January 2024 (French)

[Webinar Details](#)

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### **Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation 2024-25 Establishment Grant**

**SHRF's Establishment Grant** supports early-career researchers in Saskatchewan to establish an autonomous program of research addressing Saskatchewan health challenges and achieve the research productivity necessary for obtaining major funding from national and other external agencies.

**Funds Available:** Up to \$150,000 for a term of up to 3 years

**Eligibility Deadline:** 18 January 2024

**Full Application Deadline:** 14 March 2024

**Information Webinar:** 13 December 2023, 12 PM CST

[Register](#)

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### **Healthy Cities Research Partnership Development and Knowledge Dissemination**

To encourage the development of research partnerships and/or the dissemination of knowledge that will further the [goal and objectives](#) of the Healthy Cities Research Initiative (HCRI) the **Healthy Cities Research Partnership and Knowledge Dissemination** funding opportunity is available to support new and existing partnerships between researchers and local government, community organizations or other relevant knowledge users who are planning, implementing and/or evaluating interventions that promote healthy cities.

**Funds Available:** The maximum amount awarded for a single grant is \$20,000. Sufficient funding is available to fund up to six (6) grants. A minimum of three (3) grants will be reserved for [Early Career Investigators](#).

**Application Deadline:** 1 February 2024

**For USask researchers looking to start a partnership with the City of Saskatoon, please reach out to [research.junction@usask.ca](mailto:research.junction@usask.ca) for support in identifying and reaching out to a potential partner.**

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### Age-Well Early Career Researcher Program

The [Age-Well Early Career Researcher Program](#) is open to all former AGE-WELL HQP who have transitioned into roles as full-time researchers holding independent research appointments and are within the first 5 years (60 months) of their appointment.

**Funding Available:** Apply for grants of up to \$7500 to support the inclusion of older adults and caregivers in your research and/or teaching; support knowledge mobilization or commercialization activities; or fund small scale research or pilot projects to enable larger research grant applications.

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